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GENERATE ENERGY FROM WIND AT YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS

Do you have a good breeze at your home or business? Have you thought about harvesting it with a wind turbine to generate your own electricity and becoming more energy-independent?

This is the third year that the Utah Energy Office is loaning free meteorological towers¹ (met towers) to measure wind speed and direction to determine if there is sufficient wind to generate your own electricity to power your home, business or farm.

It's not the strong gusts of wind that can generate energy for your home or business. It's those steady annoying breezes that some regions get that might make a wind generator profitable. A met tower is an easy way to measure whether or not you have the right kind of wind to make electricity yourself. This year about seven anemometers are available for loan through the U.S. Department of Energy's "Wind Powering America Initiative". Applications must be received by January 5, 2004.

For more information or if you are interested in obtaining an application or applying on line, please visit www.wind.utah.gov, and click on the Loan Program button. Otherwise contact Christine Watson at (801) 538-4792 or the Energy Hotline at 1-800-662-3633.

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¹ Initially we called these anemometers, but almost everyone had a tough time saying the word, so we changed the name to make it a bit easier for people—meteorological towers shortened to met towers.